

Appln. No.: 10/594,333
Amendment Dated September 24, 2008
Reply to Office Action of September 12, 2008

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 3A and 3B. This sheet replaces the original sheet.

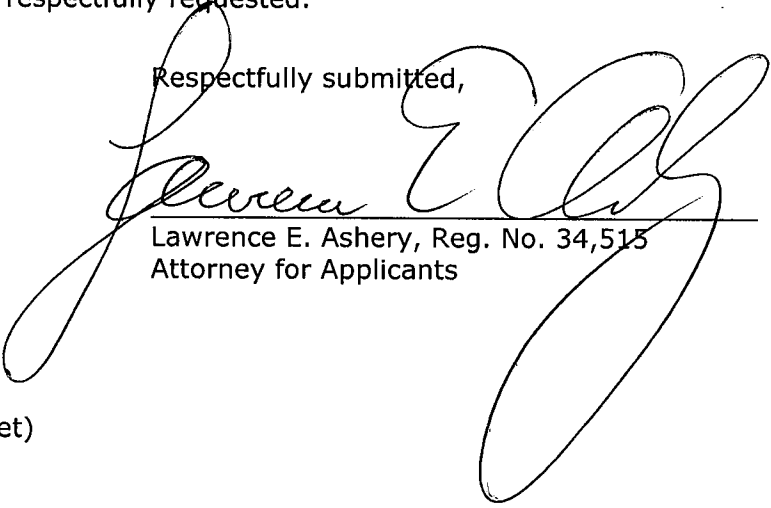
Remarks/Arguments:

The Official Action has required Figs. 3A and 3B to include the legend "Prior Art." Figs. 3A and 3B have been appropriately amended.

Claims 1, 9 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious of Kadota (U.S. 6,663,943). Claims 3-8 and 10, however, where indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 3. Claim 9 has been amended to include the features of claim 10. Claim 12 is newly added and includes the features of claims 1 and 4. Claim 17 is newly added and includes the features of claims 1 and 7. Claim 19 is newly added and includes the features of claims 1 and 8. Claims 3 and 10 have been cancelled. The remaining claims are allowable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Figure 3A and 3B (1 sheet)

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